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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Petite, et al.

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For: **Systems and Methods for Providing Remote  
Monitoring of Consumption for a Utility Meter**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced application, Applicants submit the following preliminary amendments and remarks to be respectively entered and considered prior to examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

The following is a marked-up version of the title with the language that is underlined (“\_\_\_”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING REMOTE MONITORING OF  
ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION FOR AN ~~ELECTRIC~~ A UTILITY METER

NOT TO BE  
REPRODUCED